

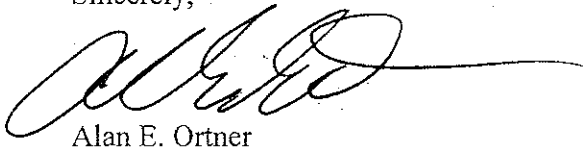
To Members of the Labor Committee:

My name is Alan E. Ortner. I am Vice President of Sirois Tool Co., Inc. and Manager of Dow Gage, LLC in Berlin, CT. We employ thirty-five (35) highly skilled people.

I am writing to voice our opposition to HB-6187, which would require Connecticut employers to provide paid sick leave. This proposal will substantially increase our business costs and could force us to reevaluate the other benefits we provide our employees.

We urge you to reject this proposal and work with the business community to control labor and workplace costs in Connecticut. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Ortner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alan E. Ortner